

Technology Reinvestment Fund

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The Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) was created in the 2006 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing a dedicated funding source for the acquisition and upgrade of technology. The Fund is established in Iowa Code section [8.57C](#), and specifies how the moneys in the Fund can be used. Section [8.57C](#) states: “Moneys in the fund in a fiscal year shall be used as appropriated by the general assembly for the acquisition of computer hardware and software, software development, telecommunications equipment, and maintenance and lease agreements associated with technology components and for the purchase of equipment intended to provide an uninterrupted power supply.” The funds are primarily used for information technology projects in state government.

Iowa Code section [8.57C](#) also provides a standing limited appropriation of \$17.5 million from the General Fund to the TRF; however, the General Assembly has made numerous changes to this funding over the last 10 years. The table below shows the changes in funding to the TRF since FY 2007. For FY 2016, the standing appropriation was suspended for budgetary reasons and individual technology projects were funded directly from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund.

Since the inception of the TRF in FY 2007, the General Assembly has appropriated a total of \$148.1 million for a variety of technology projects. Many of these projects are ongoing in nature and require continued funding on an annual basis. Some of the more notable ongoing projects include:

Technology Reinvestment Fund Source of Funding		
Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Funding Source
FY 2007	\$ 17,500,000	General Fund
FY 2008	17,500,000	General Fund
FY 2009	17,500,000	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
FY 2010	14,525,000	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
FY 2011	10,000,000	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
FY 2012	15,541,000	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
FY 2013	20,000,000	State Wagering Tax
FY 2014	14,310,000	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
FY 2015	17,500,000	General Fund
FY 2016	0	

- Iowa Communications System (ICN) Part III & Maintenance & Leases:** These appropriated funds are used to pay the costs of maintenance and leases associated with Part III fiber connections for the ICN. The fiber optic cable for Part III sites is leased from the private sector vendors that installed the cable. The ICN administers leased digital data circuits in approximately 442 K-12 facilities and districts, libraries, and Area Education Agencies (AEAs). The leases and maintenance costs are a continuation of the Part III build-out project authorized during the 1995 Legislative Session. The state funding also draws down federal Universal Service Fund E-rate funds that pay for additional leasing of data circuits.
- Statewide Education Data Warehouse:** Funds are appropriated annually to the Department of Education for development and implementation of a statewide education data warehouse. The funds support the data warehouse that is used in conjunction with system-wide improvements for education resources and accessibility of the resources. The data warehouse, known as EdInsight, is intended to create a combined education information system for teachers, parents, administrators, AEA staff, policymakers, and other users. The purpose is to facilitate the flow of student transcript data between Iowa high schools and postsecondary institutions nationally, postsecondary institutions across the country, and to facilitate the flow of student records among Iowa school districts. EdInsight is designed to provide tools to evaluate individual student and group performance over time. In addition, funds are used for the e-Transcript data system and for the development of a permanent repository for the records.
- Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Integration:** The CJIS enables and facilitates the automated exchange of criminal justice information among local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. This initiative is to develop a seamless, real-time, and electronic information sharing system for members of the criminal justice community in Iowa.
- ICN Equipment Replacement:** Funds are appropriated annually to the Iowa Telecommunication and Technology Commission for the continued replacement and upgrade of equipment for the statewide ICN. Funds are used for upgrading to Internet Protocol (IP) video technology and offering better quality video via an IP option to existing educational users.

More Information

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